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SUBJECT: DUTCH PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON US POSITION
ON CHILE.

REF: THE HAGUE'S A-3, JANUARY 10, 1975

1. REFAIR REPORTS PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL COMMENT
THAT US DECISION TO WITHHOLD ARMS ASSISTANCE FROM
CHILE COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING DOWN CHILEAN
GOVERNMENT. COMMENT CAME IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTION
ATTRIBUTING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER A STATEMENT TO
EFFECT THAT "ARMS AID (TO CHILE) MIGHT BE HALTED IF
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THE CHILEAN REGIME DID NOT CHANGE ITS POLICIES."

2. TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT, SECRETARY HAS MADE NO SUCH STATEMENT. UPON SIGNING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 30, PRESIDENT FORD, INTER ALIA, STATED: "I REGRET THE ACTION OF THE CONGRESS IN CUTTING OFF THE MODEST PROGRAM OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHILE. ALTHOUGH I SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE CONGRESS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER, I DO NOT REGARD THIS MEASURE AS AN APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR PROMOTING THAT INTEREST." THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT GENERALIZED

SANCTIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE INSTRUMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR FOR ACHIEVING LONG-TERM FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ON THIS SCORE THAT GON MAY HAVE. KISSINGER

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